(a) whether the Government contemplate to give the iron ore mine, B-11 situated in Madhya Pradesh to private company on contract;

(b) whether the State Government have sent any proposal or sent any suggestion in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details of the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) to (c) Based on the Government approval for development of Bailadila 11-B iron ore deposit in the joint venture, NMDC signed a joint venture agreement with Nippon Denro Ispat Limited (NDIL) on 10th July, 1995 and a new Joint Venture (JV) Company namely Bailadila Mineral Development Company Ltd. (BMDC) was incorporated on 31st July, 1995. Further, NMDC submitted its application to the Government of Madhya Pradesh for transfer of 11-B mining lease in favour of the JV company.

The Government of Madhya Pradesh recommended the proposal vide their letter dated 6.1.96 and sought prior approval of the Central Government from the Ministry of Mines, as required under the provisions of the MMRD Act, 1957, for transfer of mining lease of Bailadila Deposit 11-B in favour of the JV Company. While seeking the Central Government approval, the State Government also proposed to incorporate certain conditions such as setting up a steel plant, involvement of the State Govt. in the equity of the JV Company to the extent of 20%, recruitment of manpower from the State especially from District Bastar, establishment of schools/hospital in the area by the JV Company etc. The Ministry of Mines have approved the proposal on 21st March, 1996 subject to observance of the provisions of MMRD Act, 1957 and Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 and also that "the State Govt., the proposed joint venture company, i.e., Bailadila Mineral Development Company Ltd. and NMDC should arrive at a uniform and agreed set of conditions for the transfer and incorporate them in an agreement or any other appropriate legal instrument that may be executed between the parties."

Ministry of Mines vide their letter dated 13.6.96 requested Government of Madhya Pradesh to inform whether NMDC has consented to the conditions that the State Government proposed to incorporate under Rule 27(3) of the MCR, 1960.

The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has requested Ministry of Steel vide their letter dated 19.6.96 and 3.8.96 to advise NMDC to send their consent on the conditions proposed by the State Government.

The Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta granted a stay order on the decision to transfer the lease of 11-B iron ore mines in favour of joint venture company on 16.4.96 on a public interest petition filed by Shri Gurudas Dasgupta and Shri Jibon Roy, Members of Parliament. The writ petition was dismissed by the Hon'ble High Court on grounds of jurisdiction on 10.5.1996. However, the operation of the order was stayed by the Hon'ble High Court for a period of three weeks upto 31.5.1996. On a petition by the JV Company against this order, the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court has ordered that the interim stay granted by the learned trial judge will remain suspended till the disposal of the appeal preferred by the Company and the appeal preferred by Shri Gurudas Dasgupta against the order dismissing the original writ petition on jurisdiction grounds. These appeals are to come up before the regular bench.

A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has also been filed in the High Court of Delhi in July, 1996 against the transfer of Bailadila Deposit 11-B. The case last came up for hearing on 26.3.97 when it was adjourned again.

The subject is very important and needs detailed examination on various aspects. However, since the matter is pending before the Court, the Government would like to await the judicial verdict.

[English]

Telephone Advisory Committee, Karnataka

6259. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telephone Advisory Committee of Karnataka for District level and State level has been constituted;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the name of the members nominated from the Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Telephone Advisory Committee for Karnataka Circle and for some District levels have been constituted. The names of TAC constituted are given as under:

Karnataka (Circle level)

Bangalore

Belgaum

Hubli (Dharwad)

Mysore

(c) As per Statement attached.

Statement

Karnataka Circle Tac

The following persons are nominated on Telephone Advisory Committee for Karnataka Circle.

'Public Workers and Others'

1. Shri Shabbeer Pasha
   CA, 19/1, Malavalli,
   Rama Rao Road,
   Bangalore-560002.

2. Shri V.S. Krishna Iyer,
Former M.P.,
Shankarmutt Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore.
3. Mr Shanmukhappa K.R
S/o Sh. Revanasiddappa,
D/2, Vidya Nagar, Davangere,
Chitradurga Distt.,
Karnataka.
4 Shri Basawaraj Bulla,
R/o 35-MIG, HUDCO, KHB Colony
Bidar, Karnataka.
Karnataka.
5 Shri Rasheed Hasham,
BE(Civil),
R/o 11-1814/31,
Vidiyanagar Colony,
Gulbarga-2
6. Shri Rama Chandra Prabhu U.,
Chartered Accountant,
Hotel Mrupatunga,
Station Road,
Raichur, Karnataka.
7. Shri A.C. Rajashekhar,
Reporter, Praja Vani,
205, 6th Main Road,
Vijay Nagar, Bangalore.
8. Dr. Mahabal Shetty.
(Medical Profession)
MBBS Basavenagar,
Hubli (Dharwar Distt.)
Karnataka.
9. Shri M.S. Vijay Kumar,
(Public Workers & Others)
S/o Snri Shivanna,
Maralagala Village,
Mandya Distt., Karnataka.

M.P. Category

10. Shri Shivanand Hemappa Koujalgi
212. Karnataka Bhavan,
Sardar Patel Marg,
New Delhi-110021.
11. Shri S.M. Krishna, M.P
AB-16, Mathura Road, New Delhi
12. Prof. I.G. Sanadi, M.P.
39, South Avenue,
New Delhi-110011.

The followng persons are nominated on the Telephone Advisory Committee Belgaum.

State Legislature:

1. Shri Ghotgo, MLA,
Kudachim TK; Raibag,
Distt. Belgaum.
2. Shri B.D. Inamdar, MLA,
Kittur, Belgaum.

Municipality/Corporation:

3. Shri Jayaprakash N. Nalavade,
Shankeswar, Belgaum.

Legal Profession:

4. Shri M.V. Shetty,
Advocate, Chikodi, Belgaum.

Press:

5. Shri Jahangir Shirakole,
Editor 'Warta-Shakti, Nipani, Belgaum.

Medical Profession:

6. Dr. Makandar,
Hukkeri, Belgaum.

Trade, Commerce and Industry:

7. Shri Basavaral Karale,
Hukkerim Belgaum.
8. Shri Kiran D. Shah,
Nipani, Belgaum.
9. Shri Babu Jamadar,
Chikodi, Belgaum.
10. Shri Vijay Shah,
Kanagala, Tk; Hukkeri Belgaum.

Public Workers & Others:

11. Shri A.B. Jakanur,
Ex-MLA, Athani, Belgaum.
12. Shri Veer Kumar Patil,
Ex-MLA, Koganoil,
Tk; Chikodi, Belgaum.
13. Shri Shekhar S. Bane,
PO. Morab, Tk; Raibag, Belgaum.
14. Shri Rajendra Bhupalrao Desai,
Tilakwadi, Belgaum.
15. Shri Inderjeet Appasaheb Nimbalkar,
Nanadi, Tk; Chikkodi, Belgaum.
16. Shri Jawahar
Vil; Karikatti, Tk; Saundatti,
Belgaum.
17. Shri M.B. Tonnadikhan,
Vil; Karikatti, Saundatti,
Belgaum.

18. Shri R.B. Desai,
190, Gurawar Path,
Tilakwadi, Belgaum.
19. Shri Mallappa Murgod,
Baihongal Tow, Belgaum.
20. Shri Basavannappa Kambar,
Gokak Town, Belgaum.
21. Shri I.R. Belkud,
r/o Kallolli, Tk; Gokak, Belgaum.
22. Shri Dastgirsab Attar,
Gokak Town, Belgaum.
23. Shri B.N. Desai,
Advocate, Tk; Ramdurg, Belgaum.
24. P.G. Kulkarni,
r/o Hoolikatti, Tk; Ramdurg, Belgaum.
25. Shri Shivangouda Patil,
r/o Sidnal Village,
Tk; Ramdurg, Belgaum.
26. Shri C.G. Hiremath,
r/o Siddasamadra, PO. Belvadi,
Tk; Ballhongai, Belgaum.
27. Shri Shekappa Kallavaddar,
r/o Hanumapur, Tk; Ramdurg, Belgaum.
28. Dr. B.M. Siddibhavi,
JN Medical College Qtrs.,
Nehru Nagar, Belgaum.
29. Shri Mohan Kulkarni,
Vijayalaxmi Printing Press, Belgaum
30. Shri Balchandra Patil,
Peeranwadi, Belgaum.

M.P. Category:

31. Shri Shivanada Koujalgi, M.P.
P.O. Baihhoovagani-591102
Distt. Belgaum.
32. Smt. Ratnamala Dhareshwar
Savanoor, M.P.,
R.d. - Savanoor, C/o GM POL.
Nipauj Karnataka 42 S.A.

Legal Profession:

33. Shri G.S. Chachadi, Advocate,
Post Bailhongal-591101,
Karnataka.

The following persons are nominated on the Telephone Advisory Committee, Hubli.

Legal Profession:

1. Shri G.M. Patil, Advocate,
'Sinivas' Shivanandnagar,
Dharwad.
2. Shri Jayawadgi, Advocate,
Kalyanagar, Hubli.

Engineer and Other Professions:

3. Shri Arvind Kumar Kubsad, C.A.
Opp; India Airlines,
Club Road, Hubli.

Trade, Commerce and Industry:

4. Shri S.M. Tenginkai,
S/o Shri M.R. Tenginkai,
Sanmati Marg, Hubli.

Public Workers and Others:

5. Shri R.S. Jamkhandi,
Journalist Colony, Hubli-580032
6. Shri Praful A. Singala,
29/2, Pinto Road, Hubli-580028
7. Shri Mahendra H. Singhi,
Hirepeth, Hubli-580025.
8. Shri Kursheed Kalghati,
HIG, 62, Navnagar, Hubli-580028.
9. Shri H.K. Ghorpade,
Hosayellapur, Hubli.
10. Shri Shafi Muddebihal,
C.G.T., Hubli.
11. Shri H.K. Ghorpade,
Hosayellapur, Hubli.
12. Shri R. Sankanagowdar,
Kittur Channamma Park Road,
Dharwad.
13. Shri Savalagi V.M.,
290 Aravind Nagar, Hubli.
14. Shri Vidyanand Palankar,
Ravi Vari Pet, Dharwad.
15. Shri V.C. Kamalani,
IInd Cross, Ist Main,
Narayanpur, Dharwad-580008.
16. Shri B.S. Patil,
AT/PO, Devgiri, Haveri Tk; Hubli.
17. Shri Raviraj Basti,
AT/PO Gundageri,
Kundgol Tq., Hubli.
18. Shri Siraj Ahmed Kurchiwale,
Maldar Oni, Hubli.
19. Shri Durgesh Malgi,
Gandhinagar, Byadgi, Hubli.
20. Shri Bapu Gowda Patil,
At/PO Amargol,
Hubli Tk. Distt. Dharwad.

21. Shri V.D. Jadhav,
Marathagalli, Hubli.
22. Dr. Vijayakumar M. Kerudi,
Ranebennur Taluka,
Dharwad.
23. Shri Ghala Reddiyavar H.H.,
II Cross, Hosur, Hubli.
24. Shri Veeranna Mattikatti,
Ex-MLA,
U.B. Hills, Dharwad Distt.
25. Shri Babu Anvekar,
Saraff Katti,
Hubli.

The following persons are nominated on the Telephone Advisory Committee Mysore.

Press:

1 Shri H.V. Sathyanarayana,
Editor 'Eesamachar'
Devanga-IInd Street, 9-30,
Chamarajnagar-571313, Mysroe.

Legal Profession:

2 Shri Rochappa, Advocate,
Vokkalagiri, Nanjagound
Town-570004.
3. Shri S. Siddegowda, Advocate,
D.No. 1069, Jayalakshmi Vilas Road
Chamarajapuram, Mysore-570004.

Engineer and All Other Professions:

4. Shri I.G. Chandrashekha Naik,
2985, III Main Road,
V.V. Mohalla, Mysore.

Trade, Commerce and Industry:

5. Shri Syed Irshadulla,
Proprietor 'Jabbar Industries'
Gatpura Road, Chamarajnagar,
Mysore.
6. Shri G. Mohammed Iqbal,
2334, 9th Cross, Basaveshwara
Road, K.R. Mohalla, Mysore.

Public Workers and Others:

7. Shri Y.S. Gopalswamy,
Balapet, Velandur Town, Mysore.
8. Shri K.K. Anantha,
No. 6, 5th Main, Ist Stage,
Hebbalu, Metagath Post,
Mysore-16.
9. Shri Shivalankaraiah,
Bandohalli, Kollegal Taluk,
Mysore Dist.
10. Shri Satish Babu,
Hebbala PO, K.R. Nagar Taluk,
Mysore Dist.,
11. Shri Raju,
Bilikera, Hansur Taluk,
Mysore Dist.
12. Shri Govinda Gowda,
Chairman Komalapura Panchayat,
Kanur Village, Komalapura PU,
Periyapattana Taluk, Mysore Dist.
13. Shri Krishna Gowda,
No. 902, Mukal Road,
Heggedadevana Kote-571114.
14. Shri Suresh Yadav,
636, Kamat Geri, Mandi
Mohalla, Mysore-1.
15. Smt. Susheela Keshavamurthy,
No. 1552, 'Anikhethana'
13th Cross, C&D Block,
Kuvempunagar, Mysore-570023.
16. Shri B. Illyas Ahmed,
Gargeshwari, T. Narasipur Tk;
Mysore Dist.
17. Shri Channabasappa,
Hadagur, K.R. Nagar Taluk,
Distt. Mysore.
18. Shri R. Guru.
Managing Director 'Vasu
Agarbathis,
D.No. 2203, New Sayyaji Rao
Road Bamboo Bazar, Mysore-21
19. Shri. N. Kumar,
Ist Floor, No. 286, Thyaga Marg,
Siddartha Layout, Mysore-II.
20. Shri H.S. Prakash,
No. 874, Bannimantap 'B' Layout.
Shivarathreshwar Nagar,
Mysore-15.
21. Shri D. Somashekar,
D.No. 292, 13th Main,
Saraswathipuram Mysore-9.

M.P. Category:

22. Shri Srikantadatta
Narasimharaja Wadeyar, M.P.
71, The Place, Mysore-570001.

23. Shri Siddarju, M.P.,
Agatha Gowdanahally,
Gundlupet,
Mysore Distt.

Bangalore Tac:

1. Shri Irabhadrappa Lakkanagaov,
S/o Late Sh. Rachappa,
Bijapur, Karnataka.

Note:- Three members are being nominated.

Basic Cellphone Call Rates

6260. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi High Court have refused to grant stay on the department of telecommunications order imposing exorbitant basic cellphone call rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the cellular telecom operators have sought his Ministry's intervention in the matter; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) while not granting stay, the Hon'ble Court had directed the petitioners to represent their case before Telecom. Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. But, since the matter became subjudice, the intervention by the Ministry was ruled out.

Telephone Exchange In Barddhaman

6261. SHRI BALAI CHANDRA RAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new telephone exchanges have been set up in the district of Barddhaman, West Bengal;

(b) if so, names of those exchanges alongwith their line capacity;

(c) names of those places where new exchanges are likely to be set up during the current financial year; and

(d) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The name of the Exchanges opened during 1996-97 with their line capacities are furnished in the Statement attached.

(c) and (d) Not yet been finalised.

Statement

New exchanges opened During 1996-97 (Barddhaman District)

Sl. No.	Name of Exchange	Line (Capacity)
1.	Bidhan Nagar	2000
2.	Rajbandh	256
3.	Gopalmath	256
4.	Gopalpur	256
5.	Balgona	256
6.	Agradwip	256
7.	Madhyamgram	256
8.	Amarun	256
9.	Raina	256
10.	Gangpur	256
11.	Uttar Ramnagar	256
12.	Jhanjra	512

Dropping of Vividh Bharti Broadcast on Hyderabad Air

6262. SHRI L. RAMANA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vividh Bharti has stopped broadcast on medium wave in Hyderabad from April 1, 1997;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to restart the same broadcast?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In order to improve the Vividh Bharti Service, broadcast of programmes of this service from different centres is being replaced from Medium Wave to high quality FM Mode. To familiarise the public with FM broadcast, for sometime Medium Wave broadcast is also continued along with FM broadcast. Similarly, the Vividh Bharti Service from Hyderabad was broadcast in both Medium Wave and FM service till 31st March, 1997 and w.e.f. 1st April, 1997, the Medium Wave service was discontinued and the broadcast is being done only in FM service.

Complaints Against Malayalam News Broadcast From Air, New Delhi

6263. SHRI S. AJAY KUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many complaints against the